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**7 December 1948**

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Dome Hotel  
Kyrenia, Cyprus

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Dear [redacted]

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I note in your last progress report that offers of employment would be made to certain personnel now at Cairo in the very near future.

It occurs to me that as soon as the present Cairo staff are aware that only a few of them are to be considered for transfer to Cyprus, many of them will seek other employment and may not remain with us until we are actually ready to close out the Cairo station.

Probably you have anticipated all of this and have the situation in hand. However, I take the liberty of cautioning you that such action might cause us to lose valuable coverage unless we are prepared to assume it on Cyprus with a minimum of delay. I note that you have taken on seven monitors on Cyprus, that you are taking additional ones on during the month of December, and that you have asked for one editor to be assigned to Cyprus by 1 January. I assume from this last request that you contemplate filing some material to Washington shortly after the New Year, and hence may be fully prepared to assume part of the Cairo load before your station is completed.

[redacted] has been fully cleared and we hope to have him on Cyprus some time during the month of January. He will be placed against the slot provided for the head of the monitoring section, and UNCC [redacted] will be carried against one of your editorial slots. In the initial phases at least you certainly will have to concentrate on the monitoring, so that you may want to use both [redacted] for this job. However, due to the overall shortage of editorial personnel in the branch, I hope that somewhere between [redacted] you can find the equivalent of one editor to fulfill your request. Very shortly I hope to be able to tell you rather definitely what our plans for the editorial staff on Cyprus amount to.

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While we have started furnishing the BBC some 15,000 words of our Latin American and Far Eastern intercepts, we have not yet asked them to assume any of the communications costs from Cyprus. You should anticipate the beginning of this file as far in advance as possible so that I can clear the administrative red tape with BBC for paying the cost of this transmission.

Sincerely,

L. K. White

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